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For: **SYSTEM FOR CARDIAC PROCEDURES**

Application Elements:

- [X] Specification (62 pages); 16 claims on pages 58-61.
[X] Twenty-eight (28) sheets of informal drawings.
[X] Copy of Oath or Declaration from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) with Power of Attorney.
[X] Incorporation By Reference: the entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the Oath or Declaration is supplied is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
[X] The prior application is assigned of record to: HEARTPORT, INC.
[X] A verified Statement to Establish Small Entity Status under 37 CFR §1.9 and 37 CFR §1.27 & 1.28 was filed in the prior application and small-entity status is still proper and desired.
[X] **Inventorship Statement:**
With respect to the prior copending U.S. application from which this application claims benefit under 35 USC 120 the inventors in this application are less than those named in the prior application and it is requested that the following inventors identified above for the prior application be deleted: WILLIAM S. PETERS and PHILIP C. EVARD.

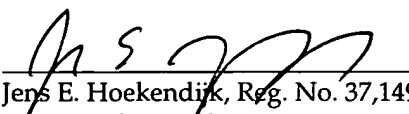
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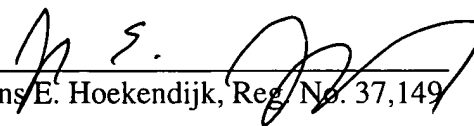
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